

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 869

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dusty Patterson, 2002
Salutatorian of Dresden High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Dusty Patterson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Dresden High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Dusty has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Dusty has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous scholastic, community, and extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished athlete of the Varsity Football and Baseball teams, Dusty Patterson served as Co-Captain of the Football team during his Senior year; he was also a member of the National Beta Club, the Science Club, the D Club, FFA, FCCLA, Mu Alpha Theta, the Math Club, the Spanish Club, the Student Council, the Pep Club, and the Fellowship for Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated his immense leadership skills as the President of his Senior Class, the Vice President of the Beta Club and the Math Club, and the Treasurer of the FFA; Dusty also received the honor of State Farmer of the Year through Future Farmers of America; and

WHEREAS, his academic achievements have been recognized with his receipt of the Athletic Academic Excellence Award; he was also chosen as an Outstanding Scholar by the All-American Scholar from the United States Achievement Academy; and

WHEREAS, much admired by his peers, Dusty was chosen as the Senior Beau by the school's Student Body and was selected as "Best All Around" in his class's Senior Superlatives; as a Junior, Dusty was chosen by the local American Legion to participate in Boys' State, and, as a Sophomore, he was also selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, Dusty is also a member of the local Boy Scouts of America and finished the work for the Eagle Scout Award when he was fifteen and became an Eagle Scout as a sixteen-year-old. Dusty has earned all three Eagle Palms, which must be earned before reaching eighteen years of age and are above the Eagle Scout rank and the highest ranking for a Boy Scout; and

WHEREAS, Dusty Patterson evinces his faith in God as an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Dresden, where he is a member of the Adult Choir and President of the Senior High UMYF. Over the years, he has attended several Christian education and fellowship workshops and has been involved in numerous outreach programs in the community; and

WHEREAS, Dusty Patterson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as he plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin this fall and major in Animal Science to eventually become a veterinarian; and

WHEREAS, Dusty's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Danny and Regina Patterson, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Dusty's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Dresden High School Salutatorian, Dusty Patterson, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.